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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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TITLE: Methods Of Ex-Vivo Expansion Of Hematopoietic Cells Using

Multivariant (IL-3) Hematopoies is Chimera Proteins

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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Submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first line of the specification with the following.

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This is a divisional of United States Serial No. 08/762,227; which was filed December 09, 1996, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 08/446,872, filed June 06, 1995, which was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from PCT/US95/01185, filed February 04, 1995; which is a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 08/192,325, filed February 04, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,057,133: which a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 08/411,795, filed April 06, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,604,116, said 08/411,795 was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 fromPCT/US93/11197, filed November 22, 1993; which is continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 07/981,044 filed November 24, 1992, now abandoned. The noted applications are incorporated herein by reference.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-54 without prejudice.